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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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1. I lunched today with Pentagon reporters Orr Kelly, EVENING STAR, and Charles W. Corddry, Jr., BALTIMORE SUN (recently of UPI). Both are friendly toward us and potentially useful.

2. Orr, who invited me, said his "ulterior motive" was two-fold:

(a) To ask if he, Charles and possibly one or two of their associates might meet you for an off-the-record, get-acquainted gab session, maybe an informal lunch.

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3. Their plea: Since announcement of McNamara's resignation, their usual Pentagon sources are so skittish that newsmen feel useless and unwanted. Couldn't we at least help them get in focus?

4. I said I would relay their invitation to you; you were busy as hell, but did like newsmen and enjoyed visiting them and, I felt, if you could find a time you would do so. As to background briefings in my office, I said as soon as they let me know who all might attend, I would see if I could arrange the briefing they wanted.

5. I would like to favor these two, if you agree.

I think you have
to be careful
not to get
contention.

Can't just the
two of them
take the briefing
together

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